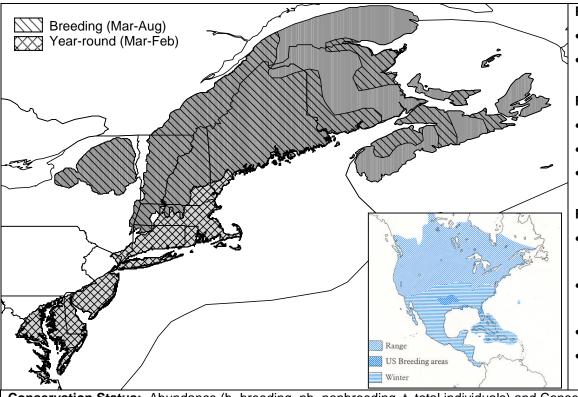
AMERICAN BITTERN

Botaurus lentiginosus



Regional Occurrence (BCRs 14, 30)

- Distribution: breeds and winters in region
- Habitats used: fresh-water and brackish marshes

PIF BD=1; PIF ND=2

Regional Abundance

- 1990s population size: US—unknown; CAN—7,200
- Historical population size: unknown
- % decrease in regional population: unknown

PIF RA=4; PIF PT=5

Regional Threats

- Habitat loss and degradation due to drainage, filling, and conversion to agriculture
- Highly vulnerable to fragmentation and pesticides/ contaminants
- Acid precipitation, hunting, human disturbance
- Parasitic nematode can be contracted

PIF TB=3; PIF TN=3

Conservation Status: Abundance (b=breeding, nb=nonbreeding, t=total individuals) and Conservation Rank

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Global	North America	BCR 14	BCR 30	Mid-Atlantic	S. New England	Gulf of Maine	Maritimes
2,976,000b	1,984,000b	?	?	?	?	?	7,200b
IUCN-	NAWCP-	High	High	NJ-S2B; DE-S1B, SZN; MD-	NY-S4; CT-S1B, SZN; RI-S1B,	MA-S2; NH-S3B; ME-	QC-S5; NB-S4B
Not Evaluated	High Concern (PI=67%)	(PI=?)	(PI=?)	S1S2B, S1N; VA-S1B, S2N	S1N; MA-S2; VT-S3B,S3N	S4B; NB-S4B; NS-S4B	PE-S4B; NS-S4B

Conservation Needs: Sustainability: at least 1 egg hatched in 41 of 72 nests; Density and Foraging Habitat: 40 calling males per 100 ha; 2.6 calling males / 100 ha of wetland; chiefly freshwater wetlands with tall, emergent vegetation of native species; vegetation fringes and shorelines with undeveloped surrounding grassland-upland interface; avoiding even-aged stands of older, dense or dry vegetation; Issues: Management would involve preservation of freshwater wetland habitats, reduction of invasive vegetation, protection from chemical contamination and pollution, and efforts to increase populations at protected/managed sites; Needs: needs monitoring, ID important wintering population and sites; Population Goals: restore (increase); Habitat Goals: